

REMARKS

Previously withdrawn claims 13-19 have been cancelled and claims 34-40 have also been cancelled. Claims 1-12 and 20-33 are currently pending in the application, including independent claims 1, 20 and 30.

Previously withdrawn method claims 13-19 have been cancelled without prejudice to applicant's rights to pursue such claims in a divisional or continuation application.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-12 and 20-33 are allowed, which are now the only claims pending in the application.

The Examiner has rejected claims 34-40 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gellert (US Patent No. 4,026,518) in view of Gellert (US Patent No. 5,614,233).

In order to expedite issuance of a patent from the present application, the applicant has cancelled claims 34-40 without prejudice against applicant's ability to pursue such claims or similar claims in a related application.

Accordingly, as all the claims currently pending in the application have been allowed, applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance, which is requested.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an accompanying fee transmittal form please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 13-2400

If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (416) 868-1482.

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